

MINUTES
MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN
Wednesday, February 3, 2010
6:00-8:00 PM
Council Chambers- Town Hall

PRESENT: K. Grunwald (staff), S. Baxter (staff), J. Higham, J. Goldman, J. Greene, L. Holle,
T. Berthelot, V. Fry, C. Guerreri, L. Young, P. Braithwaite, G. Bent (Chair), MJ Newman,
J. Stoughton (Chair), K. Paulhus, F. Baruzzi (staff), G. Sanchez ? (guest)

REGRETS: M. Baker, D. McLaughlin, R. Leclerc, A. Bloom, S. Daley

ITEM	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME
Actions Needed	-Welcome: Chair J. Stoughton called the meeting to order at 6:10. -Adopt Minutes of January 6, 2010	Minutes approved as written.
Updates-For Your Information	Downtown Partnership –Winter Fun Day- MAC Table-2/13/10, 11-2PM: T. Berthelot asked for details re: materials, etc. Downtown Partnership –2/16/10, 5:00PM Planning & Design Meeting: School Readiness Unmet Needs Survey-due 2/16/10: S. Baxter reported that the State Dept. of Ed. has asked School Readiness communities to survey the survey the current cohort of pre-school children and try to identify if and where they attend pre-school. The Infant/Toddler committee has been working with the ECE Centers to attempt to identify these children and to determine their needs. 194 of these children have been identified through providers. F. Baruzzi	Contact Kathleen Paterson at the Downtown Partnership to finalize details. L. Young offered assistance in getting materials together. T. Berthelot will attend this meeting representing MAC. S. Baxter will send out a question on the Discovery listserve to find out what information other communities collect to understand the

	<p>explained that based on parent report 80% of children have had a pre-school experience. MJ Newman asked if they can look at outcomes for children who did not have a preschool experience, and Fred answered that they do. J. Goldman raised a question about the standard of 20% of children leaving the school system on an annual basis.</p> <p>J. Stoughton announced that the library is looking at whether or not to continue the Preschool Fun and Information Fair in its current form. Are there other organizations that should be included, or is it no longer useful? Usually 100-150 people attend. J. Higham suggested looking at what the Windham Library does. S. Baxter suggested doing a survey at the Fair to support the work of the Plan.</p> <p>G. Bent asked if MAC would like to co-sponsor a Community Conversation with the League of Women Voters on the 4-Schools Building Project. Some discussion as to whether or not this can be tied into one of the strategies in our Plan. Purpose: to discuss community opinions on the options being presented. J. Goldman sees this as being very tied to the issue of Community Connectedness, and very much in support of the Plan. F. Baruzzi explained that at this point the Building Committee will have rank-ordered the four options. All information on the four options is currently available on the town's website.</p>	<p>specifics of the pre-school experience.</p> <p>Contact J. Stoughton with any ideas that members have about changing or improving the event. Send the question out to the Discovery listserve as well. Judy will invite representatives from the Community Center and Birth-3.</p> <p>Motioned and seconded that MAC co-sponsor this event. Passed unanimously.</p>
NEW BUSINESS Option 1	<p>Option 1 Application due 2/26/10- See Timeline to complete: S. Baxter explained team assignments and asked that teams identify partners who are willing to support the plan, and identify one team member who</p>	<p>Each team identified partners to the whole group so that</p>

	will personally approach the intended partner.	there would not be any duplications
New Business	<u>Team Work</u> -Finalize prioritized strategies, list partners needed, review Memorandum of Agreement to include your Team's work -Decide which member of group will approach partners to sign MOU -Complete new "Report Out " form so reports can be shared electronically and not use meeting time	Teams met to complete these tasks.
Brief Reconvening	Brief reconvening for groups to report on partners chosen and person chosen to approach partners: Groups came back together to report-out- identified key partners and prioritized strategies.	Done
Next Meeting Take Note	Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM. -Next meeting: Wednesday, March 3, 2009- Town Hall, Council Chambers-	Any suggestions for that agenda, send to Sandy.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Grunwald